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## **BOEING EMPLOYEE CHARGED WITH DAMAGING PROPERTY**

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of an Information<sup>1</sup> against Matthew Montgomery charging that on May 10, 2008, he willfully injured and damaged a "Chinook" helicopter under manufacture by Boeing at its Ridley Township plant for delivery to the United States Army. Montgomery is alleged to have intentionally cut through approximately half of a bundle of over 150 electrical wires, disabling the aircraft. Boeing had to remove, replace, reinstall and retest all the wires and systems relating to that set of wires and closed the plant for its investigation. As a result, the company suffered economic losses in excess of \$100,000.

"This case is not about mere vandalism. It involves damage to property that is vital to our military," said Magid. "Any action that delays delivery of materiel or that endangers the integrity of Army aircraft affects the safety of the men and women who are serving our country, and will not be tolerated."

"Fortunately, this senseless act of vandalism was discovered quickly and no physical harm occurred to personnel as a result," said Ed Bradley, special agent-in-charge of DCIS. "However, the potential threat to safety from such acts is serious and therefore such cases must be aggressively investigated and prosecuted. The Defense Criminal Investigative Service is committed to working with the U.S. Attorney's Office, contractors and their employees to ensure that the necessary steps are taken to address these crimes that can seriously impact contractor employees, DoD personnel and our service men and women."

A separate act of vandalism on a Chinook helicopter at the Ridley Park plant, also reported by Boeing on May 10<sup>th</sup>, remains under active investigation. A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information leading to conviction in that case.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Matthew Montgomery	Trevose, PA	33

If convicted the defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years in prison, a \$250,000 fine, 3 years supervised release, a \$100 special assessment and restitution of over \$250,000.

The case was investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the U.S. Army, Criminal Investigative Command. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Pamela Foa.

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